



STINGER FOOTBALL

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FOOTBALL STINGERS ELIMINATED IN FINAL

The Concordia University Football Stingers had their season ended on Saturday (November 16) when they were beaten 46-21 by the Carleton University Ravens in Ottawa.

Playing without fullback Albert Caliguero (virus) the Stingers ground game failed to get untraced allowing the Ravens to control the ball. Carleton built up an early 17-0 lead and although Concordia had opportunities to get back into the game, they never did.

How big a factor was Caliguero? Consider first that the big sack had carried 34 times for 194 yards the week before against Queens. Then consider that Caliguero was doubtful until two hours before game time making it difficult for the coaching staff to adjust. But give credit to the Ravens as well. Their offense rolled for 46 points against a Stinger defense which had been the best in the O.Q.I.F.C. all season.

The best chance Concordia had to turn the game around came early in the third quarter after Carleton had gone ahead 31-8. The Stingers had come right back in a 90 yard Cerino to Plourde bomb and then had forced the Ravens to punt on the next series. Dave Cescon returned the kick to the Raven 10 yard line but the Stingers were called for an illegal block in their own territory. Concordia just could not get close after that.

It was a tough season for Skip Rochette's Stingers during the regular schedule. Concordia started slowly losing a close 26-23 game at Kingston and then playing by far their worst game of the year, they were upset 22-18 by McGill at Molson Stadium blowing a 14-0 first quarter lead in the process.

The Stingers then got their act together. Playing in the mud and rain at Concordia the Stingers picked up their first point of the campaign when Daniel Malats kicked a last minute field goal to earn a 7-7 tie with Ottawa. A week later Concordia hammered McGill 41-1 at home and then dumped Bishop's 25-11 to move into third place.

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